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SUBJECT: PILOT SECURE VOICE PROJECT (PSVP)

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ON JANUARY 14, COUNCIL OPERATIONS EXERCISE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN (MACBRIEN) CIRCULATED A CORRIGENDUM TO WORKING PAPER AC/237-WP/95 (REFTEL REFERES) ON NATO HQ REQUIREMENTS FOR CONFERENCE FACILITIES. THE REVIESED VERSION SEEKS TO AMPLIFY CERTAIN TECHNICAL FEATURES OF THE CONFERENCE FACILITIES. MISSION HAS NO OBJECTION TO THE REVISED PROPOSALS. ACTION REQUIRED. REQUEST WASHINGTON GUIDANCE BY JANUARY 23.

TEXT OF AC/237-WP/97 (REVISED) FOLLOWS.

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ANNEX (REVISED) TO

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INITIAL VOICE SWITCHED NETWORK

NATO HEADQUARTERS REQUIREMENS FOR CONFERENCE FACILITIES

BACKGROUND

1. BOTH THE NATO INTEGRATED COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM (NICS) AND THE INITIAL VOICE SWITCHED NETWORK (IVSN) WILL OFFER THE POSSIBILITY OF CONDUCTING AND/OR PARTICIPATING IN A VOICE TELECONFERENCE, IN THE CLEAR OR THE SECURE MODE.

2. NICSMA IS PLANNING TO OFFER TWO TYPES OF VOICE CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS:

(A) THE "PRE-PROGRAMMED" TYPE WHEREIN THE ORIGINATOR OR CONDUCTOR OF THE CONFERENCE IS LIMITED TO A PRE-SET GROUP OF SUBSCRIBERS. WHILE THE CONFEREES ARE IN THIS CASE PRE-SET AT THE ACCESS SWITCH, THE GROUPING CAN BE MODIFIED VIA A MINOR CHANGE IN SOFTWARE AT THE SWITCH;

(B) THE "PROGRESSIVE" TYPE WHEREIN THE CONDUCTOR OF THE CONFERENCE SELECTS SEQUENTIALLY EACH CONFeree BY DIALING EACH CONFeree'S IVSN/NICS PHONE NUMBER IN TURN. THE SELECTION OF CONFEREES IN THIS CASE IS DECIDED BY THE CONDUCTOR OF THE CONFERENCE AT THE TIME OF THE CONFERENCE.

3. IN EITHER OF THESE ARRANGEMENTS, THE PRECEDENCE OF THE CONFERENCE IS DETERMINED BY THE CONDUCTOR OF THE CONFERENCE.

4. THE IVSN IS AT PRESENT PLANNED TO PROVIDE AT EACH MAJOR NATO HEADQUARTERS THE POSSIBILITY OF CONDUCTING TWO CONCURRENT CONFERENCES EACH WITH A MAXIMUM OF TEN CONFEREES, THE CONFERENCE TO BE SET UP EITHER BY A DIRECT NICS SUBSCRIBER (DNS) OR BY THE LOCAL EXCHANGE OPERATOR ON BEHALF OF AN INDIRECT NICS SUBSCRIBER (INS).L

DISCUSSION

5. THERE IS A REQUIREMENT FOR THE SECRETARY GENERAL
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AND FOR THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT TELEPHONIC CONFERENCES WITH THE NATO CAPITALS AND/OR MNCS.

6. IT IS NOT CONSIDERED EITHER PRACTICAL OR EFFICIENT, OR EVEN REQUIRED, TO CONDUCT TELECONFERENCES WITH ALL THE NATO CAPITALS CONCURRENTLY. THIS VIEW IS SUBSTANTIATED, INTER ALIA, BY THE TECHNICAL LIMITATIONS OF CONFERENCES, ESPECIALLY IF CONDUCTED OVER THE PSVP.

7. ON THE OTHER HAND, IT IS BELIEVED THAT CONFERRING WITH THE NORTHERN OR SOUTHERN FLANK COUNTRIES, WITH THE THREE MAJOR NATO COMMANDS, OR WITH A GROUP OF COUNTRIES SUCH AS THE NUCLEAR POWER COUNTRIES, IS MOST LIKELY.

8. FURTHER, IT IS BELIEVED THAT WHATEVER CONFERENCE IS REQUIRED, THE NEED FOR THE DISTANT CONFEREES TO TALK OR TO LISTEN IN SHOULD BE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CONDUCTOR OF THE CONFERENCE.

9. IT IS REASONABLE TO EXPECT THAT CONFERENCING WILL ALSO BE REQUIRED AT LOWER STAFF LEVELS WITH RANDOM GROUPINGS OF CONFEREES DEPENDING UPON THE SUBJECT. THE "PROGRESSIVE" TYPE OF CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENT WILL MEET THIS.

CONCLUSIONS

10. IT IS CONCLUDED THAT:

(A) AT THE NATO HEADQUARTERS THERE IS A REQUIREMENT FOR THE "PROGRESSIVE" TYPE OF CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENT;

(B) THE ORIGINATOR OR CONDUCTOR OF THE CONFERENCE WILL NORMALLY BE THE SECRETARY GENERAL OR THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE-OR THEIR DULY APPOINTED REPRESENTATIVES. THE CONFEREES WILL BE THE NATO CAPITALS (EXCEPT FRANCE), AND/OR THE MNCS;

(C) CONFERENCES ORIGINATED BY OTHER DNS SUBSCRIBERS OR BY THE SWITCHBOARD OPERATOR FOR AN INS SUBSCRIBER MAY BE AUTHORIZED;
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(D) THE CAPACITY OF TWO CONCURRENT CONFERENCES OF TEN CONFEREES EACH MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE NATO HEADQUARTERS.

RECOMMENDATION

11. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMITTEE APPROVE THE STATEMENT OF REQUIREMENTS AS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH 10
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